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Dear Senator D'Amato:

Thank you for your letter of August 5, pertaining to your constituent [] about the alleged disappearance of Carlos Bamballi in Argentina. Regarding this case, we recently received a letter from Dr. Elias Salama, Bamballi's uncle, thanking us for inquiring into Carlos' case and requesting that all further efforts on Bamballi's behalf be discontinued. Upon telephoning Dr. Salama we learned that Mr. Bamballi is alive, well and living in Israel.

Regarding [] inquiry about Soviet interference with Argentinian mail, we have complained to Soviet officials on numerous occasions over the past two years that contact with the West, including the flow of mail, has deteriorated markedly.

Sincerely,

Alvin Paul Drischler
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:

Your correspondence returned.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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